

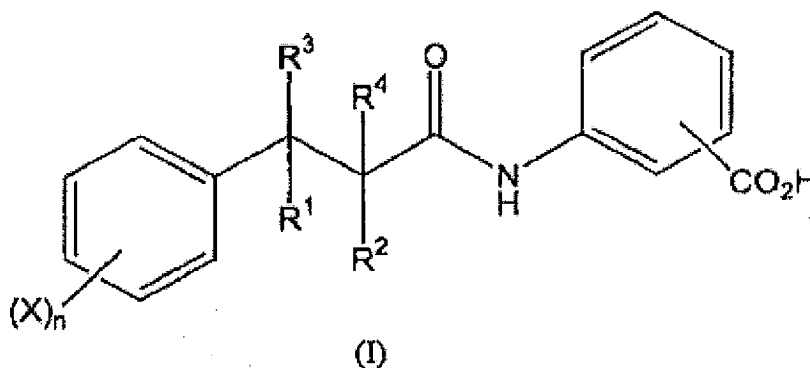
REMARKS

Claims 1-42 were pending. Claims 16-25 and 36-42 are canceled.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-15 and 26-35, with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

The Examiner has requested a species election. Applicants elect the compound 2-[[3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]amino]benzoic acid. The species is disclosed in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 6, lines 13-14. Claims 1-10 and 26-30 are generic for the structure. Claims 15 and 35 are directed to the elected species.

With respect to the general Markush formula, the specific substitutions are as follows:



R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are hydrogen atoms, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together form a chemical bond, n is two, and X is a C1 alkoxy group.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number NGIO-001.

Respectfully submitted,

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